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I met George Wyckoff and George White at 713 Park Avenue early this morning, and spent the morning discussing Audrey and Stephen's finances, as well as certain things concerning Avalon Foundation. I had gone over this ground with Paul Mellon a few days ago in Washington, and we are all in accord. I am to write Audrey about this from Bonn, as she is now down at Staunton Hill.

Lunched with Buck Crawford at the Brook, and made decisions about securities.

This afternoon competed with several million compatriots in Christmas shopping, gathered in a pair of Augsburg 1723 silver spice boxes at Klejman as birthday and Christmas gifts for E, bought a small silver-gilt Charles II cup for use in Bad Godesberg from Ensko, [redacted] then paid Ailsa a visit. Her mother called me while I was there, and I was enchanted to know she is bearing her years lightly. Foster Dulles tracked me down and read me a long message I am to deliver Monday to the Chancellor. It seemed to me excellent. Ailsa is in full accord about the Audrey-Stephen situation, and views it with her usual good sense.

E and I dined with Mary Lasker, in her house on Beekman Place, full of modern art treasures. What a nice woman! A step-daughter with husband were there, the former a porcelain collector, and it was

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